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Wall Street Journal: "Obama to Reappoint Bernanke as Fed Chief ... President Barack Obama will announce the nomination of Ben Bernanke to a second term as Federal Reserve chairman on Tuesday, opting for continuity in U.S. economic policy despite criticism in Congress of the low-key central banker's frantic efforts to rescue the financial system."

Wall Street Journal: "President Makes Safe Choice at Fed ... President Barack Obama, facing a raft of political fights and growing challenges abroad, made the politically easy choice when he decided Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke should serve another term."

Wall Street Journal: "Regulators Examine Goldman's Trade Tips ... Securities regulators are examining weekly meetings at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. in which research analysts give tips to traders and then to big clients, as the Wall Street giant considers disclosing these so-called trading huddles to all its clients."

Wall Street Journal: "Private Equity and the Banks ... Federal regulators are meeting Wednesday to decide on rules for investing in failed U.S. banks, and they're under heavy pressure to ease up on the draft terms that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. laid out earlier this summer. While some flexibility may be in order, the FDIC is right to drive a hard bargain for taxpayers."

Wall Street Journal: "The Wall Street Journal Presents Digg Dialogg with Timothy Geithner"

The Washington Post: "Fannie, Freddie Shares Soar, Puzzling Analysts ... The beauty of the stock market, according to a prevailing theory, is that the price of a company's shares should reflect all known information about the firm."

LA Times: "Judge orders Fed to release documents detailing bailout loan programs ... On the same day the White House leaked President Obama's decision to reappoint Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, a U.S. judge struck a blow at the central bank's penchant for secrecy in its lending operations."

The Washington Times: "White House slashes deficit forecast for '09 ... The White House is reducing its forecast of this year's budget deficit to \$1.58 trillion as a result of significantly lower than expected spending on bank bailouts, congressional sources say."

The Washington Times: "Obama quiets, but 'pay czar' to hit bonuses ... The Obama administration, which only months ago was blasting Wall Street for paying huge executive bonuses at failing companies, has quietly toned down its rhetoric in recent days about outsized corporate pay packages."

The Washington Times: "The New Zealand way ... Despite its enormous influence on the economy, the Federal Reserve's performance is difficult to assess."

Reuters: "Bernanke's cool head, imagination win Obama nod ... Ben Bernanke began as Federal Reserve chairman by meekly promising to maintain the status quo. He ended up facing the worst downturn since the Great Depression and changing central banking in ways that will reverberate for decades."

Forbes: "Retarding Recovery ... One would have to go back to the 1930s or perhaps the 1970s to find an Administration as hostile to economic innovation and growth as this one is."

Bloomberg: "Taylor Rule Change Will Hurt Fed's Inflation Fight: John Taylor ... The Taylor Rule -- the guideline for central bank interest-rate decisions -- has been the subject of a heated debate among Fed watchers this summer, popping up in market newsletters, blogs and Bloomberg screens."

Time: "Why Obama is Appointing Bernanke to a Second Term ... Before Ben Bernanke was chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve, he was an ivory-tower economist who trained at Harvard and MIT, taught at Stanford and Princeton and may have learned more about the Great Depression than anyone else on the planet."